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CACHING SYSTEM

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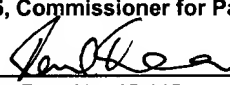
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced continuation case, please amend the figures and the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 22 and 23 as shown below.

22. A method for distributing data packages across a network, the network featuring a server for serving at least one data package, and a plurality of peer clients for storing said data packages, the steps of the method being performed by a data processor, the method comprising the steps of:

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